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The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Romans 15: 33: *Now the God of peace be with you all.*

O Thou who art the source and inspiration of every noble and worthy desire, may we daily be drawn together in that unity of spirit which seeks to make the doing of Thy will the goal of all our aspirations.

We humbly confess that our aims and ambitions are frequently so low vaulted and primarily concerned with the temporal and transient.

Help us never to presume and believe that the aspirations, cherished by our minds and hearts are too high and holy to be fulfilled by Thy grace and power.

Wilt Thou give us the light of faith to labor faithfully, walk circumspectly and live without anxiety or fear.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 6756. An act to revise the boundaries of Mesa Verde National Park, Colo., and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed, with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2985. An act to amend section 1391 of title 28 of the United States Code, relating to venue generally.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2513) entitled "An act to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to require certain new packages of imported articles to be marked to indicate the country of origin, and for other purposes."

AMENDING SECTION 1391 OF TITLE 28, UNITED STATES CODE

Mr. CELLER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2985) an act to amend section 1391 of title 28 of the United States Code, relating to venue generally, with an amendment of the Senate thereto and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The Clerk read the Senate amendment, as follows:

Strike out lines 6, 7, and 8, and insert:

"(f) A civil action on a tort claim arising out of the manufacture, assembly, repair, ownership, maintenance, use, or operation of an automobile may be brought in the judicial district wherein the act or omission complained of occurred."

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CORRECTION OF VOTE

Mr. McMILLAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 235 I am recorded as not voting. I was present and voted "aye." I ask unanimous consent that the permanent RECORD and Journal be corrected accordingly.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

CUBA FILE CHANGE BAN ON CUBAN SHIPPING TO BENEFIT WHOM?

(Mr. ROGERS of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGERS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, wire services report that a change has been made in National Security Memorandum No. 220, issued February 5, 1963, in regard to United States blacklisting foreign shipping engaged in the Cuban trade.

On checking with the Maritime Administration and with the State Depart-

ment I am unable to get a copy of this change immediately. But if news reports are accurate this matter should receive a review by all concerned. It reportedly would make it easier for foreign shipowners to remove certain of their ships from the Cuban run, in return for a pledge to pull all their other ships out as present contracts expire. Failure to do so would result in a blacklisting of all other ships of that company in or out of the Cuban trade.

Now this sounds just fine. I certainly hope it turns out to be as good as it sounds. But it deserves a little closer attention than a departmental news release gives it.

Is it possible that we are trying to make it a little easier on these foreign shipowners to permit them to switch from the Cuban run to take advantage of the proposed U.S. sale of wheat to Russia? The Cuban trade has been very profitable in the past, but is it now possible that these shipowners fear a loss of business in Cuba due to the utter failure of the Cuban economy and the Cuban sugar crop? Would they like to take some of their ships out of the Cuban trade and put them back in the U.S. trade without actually cutting off all their Cuban business?

We would like the answers to these and other questions before cheering this new action on Cuban shipping. The wire services indicate that the change is one which has been in process for some time. Perhaps the best interests of all would be served if it were thoroughly reviewed by the newly designated Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs and others, before it is put into effect, to insure that it does not merely reduce the inconvenience now imposed on foreign shipping to Cuba and does in fact provide for a further reduction of Cuban trade.

THE VICE PRESIDENT

(Mr. SIKES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, proposals on Presidential succession appear to be the current fad. I have one which I consider down to earth and realistic. I

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believe it will meet with the overwhelming approval of the majority of the Congress on both sides of the aisle. And, that is no inconsiderable matter. I believe it will also receive the endorsement of the American people. And, that is most important of all.

JOHN W. MCCORMACK, the distinguished and able Speaker of the House, is next in line for the Presidency of the United States. He is to all effects and purposes both Speaker and Vice President. To my mind, he is one of the great Speakers of all time. He is fairminded, able, persuasive, and eloquent. He has to a very fine degree an ability to understand the problems of the Members who make up the House. Because of that understanding, he gives and receives from them closer cooperation than most Speakers. And, through these traits, he has endeared himself to an unusual degree to the membership.

However much I would be reluctant to have him leave his work as Speaker, I feel that he should be offered the place of Vice President on the next Democratic ticket. There is little if any doubt that Lyndon Johnson will be the nominee for President. The team of Johnson and McCormack has more knowledge of Government and of the workings of the Congress than any other two men in America. It would be a natural thing for them to be associated on the Democratic ticket in the same relationship they now enjoy as President and as Speaker-Vice President.

This is not a run-of-the-mill recommendation. This is a very serious proposal. The President reputedly would like a strong easterner to bolster his ticket. There is no easterner in the Democratic Party who is stronger than JOHN MCCORMACK. There have been some who have been critical of him. By and large, they are people who would have him turn the Nation and its legislative practices upside down for the advancement of their own proposals. They do not speak for the majority. JOHN MCCORMACK suits the big majority in and out of Congress. He should be Vice President, both in name and in fact—if he would consider the job.

RÉSUMÉ OF APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that on the last day of the session I may include in the body of the Record a résumé of appropriations proceedings with pertinent tables and data.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the final issue of the Record for the session, when final figures are available I may include a complete résumé of the appropriations statistics of the session together with pertinent tables and data on the budget.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The SPEAKER. This is Consent Calendar day. The Clerk will call the first bill on the Consent Calendar.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN SQUARE 758

The Clerk called the bill (S. 254) to provide for the acquisition of certain property in square 758 in the District of Columbia, as an addition to the grounds of the U.S. Supreme Court Building.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

SAINT-GAUDENS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 4018) to authorize establishment of the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, New Hampshire, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

LAKE ERIE SESQUICENTENNIAL

The Clerk called the bill (S. 1828) to amend the joint resolution establishing the Battle of Lake Erie Sesquicentennial Celebration Commission so as to authorize an appropriation to carry out the provisions thereof.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

ORGANIC ACT OF NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 5838) to amend the act of March 3, 1901—31 Stat. 1449—as amended, to incorporate in the Organic Act of the National Bureau of Standards the authority to make certain improvements of fiscal and administrative practices for more effective conduct of its research and development activities.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

WATERS IMPOUNDED BY FLAMING GORGE DAM

The Clerk called Senate Joint Resolution 17 to designate the lake to be formed by the waters impounded by the Flaming Gorge Dam, Utah, in the States of Wyoming and Utah, as "Lake O'Mahoney."

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. PELLY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that this bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK, N. MEX.

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 7458) to revise the boundaries of the Carlsbad Caverns National Park in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Carlsbad Caverns National Park situated in the State of New Mexico shall consist of the following described lands:

NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, NEW MEXICO

Township 24 south, range 23 east: south half section 35; section 36.

Township 24 south, range 24 east: sections 25 to 29, inclusive; sections 31 to 36, inclusive.

Township 24 south, range 25 east: south half southeast quarter section 19; south half south half section 20; south half south half section 21; southwest quarter southwest quarter section 28; sections 27 to 33, inclusive; west half section 34; northwest quarter northeast quarter section 34.

Township 25 south, range 22 east: sections 24, 25, 35, and 36.

Township 25 south, range 23 east: sections 1 to 33, inclusive; northwest quarter section 34.

Township 25 south, range 24 east: north half section 1; west half section 2; northeast quarter section 2; sections 3 to 8, inclusive; west half section 9; northeast quarter section 9; northwest quarter section 10; west half section 17; northeast quarter section 17; section 18; northwest quarter section 19.

Township 25 south, range 25 east: north half section 6; north half section 6.

Township 26 south, range 22 east: north half section 1; west half southwest quarter section 1; section 2; section 11; west half west half section 12; northwest quarter section 14.

Township 26 south, range 23 east: northwest quarter section 6.

All of which contains 46,786.11 acres, more or less.

And the tract of land, including Rattlesnake Springs, lying in section 23, township 25 south, range 24 east, New Mexico principal meridian, acquired by the United States for water right purposes by warranty deed dated January 23, 1934, recorded in Eddy County, New Mexico, records in deed book 64 on page 97, containing 79.87 acres, more or less.

Sec. 2. (a) For the purpose of acquiring the State-owned lands lying within the area described in section 1 of this Act, consisting of 2,721.12 acres, and described as follows: